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The Vice-President-Elect of the Philippines, Mr. Fernando Lopez, was entertained by members of the Filipino Club yesterday at the Club's premises.

Mr. Robert Hart, Development Officer of Hong Kong, will speak on "Marketing of Agricultural Products in the Far East" at the next weekly luncheon of the International Men's Club at Hong Kong Hotel on Thursday at 1 p.m.

Sino-British Orchestra Programme

The Sino-British Orchestra, under its conductor, Dr. S. M. Liang, will give the second concert of its present series on December 13 and 14.

The first performance will be at the Diocesan Boys' School and the second at St. Stephen's Girls College, Lyttelton Road.

Both concerts will start at 8.30 p.m.

The programme will include Haydn's "London" Symphony, Corelli's "Christmas" Concerto, Roger Quilter's "Children's Overture" and Bizet's "L'Arlesienne" Suite No. 1. In addition, Harry Talbot, Baritone, will sing a group of songs with Miss B. M. Buchanan as accompanist.

The Rev. Fr. Ryan, S.J., well-known and uncompromising critic, said of the orchestra in his review of its first concert in October, that it could display "cohesion and tone which gave promise of great things in future concerts."

He added: "The Sino-British Club Orchestra is an asset to Hong Kong. Great credit is due to those in whose perseverance we owe its present achievement. If it gets the support it deserves it will bring prestige to the Colony as well as enjoyment to music-lovers."

Mr. E. W. Pudney, Chairman of the Orchestra, c/o Inland Revenue Department, Windsor House, will be pleased to supply any information to those interested.

BAND CONCERT AT BOTANICAL GARDENS

Hundreds gathered at the Botanical Garden for the open air concert given by the Band of the Buffs yesterday afternoon. The concert was arranged to test if there was sufficient interest in the Colony in such functions, and judging by yesterday afternoon's response, the concert proved highly successful.

Upwards of 500 people were present most of whom were Chinese who heartily applauded every number of the afternoon's programme of pleasant classical music. The organisers as well as the musicians are to be congratulated and thanked for the part they are playing in contributing to culture in the Colony.

Admission to the concert was free and seats were provided. It is hoped that by yesterday afternoon's response by the public the concert will be performed as often as is conveniently possible.

On Manoeuvres In NT



This picture looks as if it was taken on active service. Actually it shows men of the Hong Kong Regiment during manoeuvres at Salkung, in the New Territories. Under Command Instructors, the Regiment underwent a tough course of training.

Governor To Visit La Salle College

The Governor is to visit the temporary site of La Salle College at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street today for the first time since the military requisitioning of the original building of Boundary Street in August.

Although the school rooms and assembly hall have been erected and are in use today, work on the hostel for the boarders has not been started yet.

Since the requisitioning of the old building some 100 boarders have taken accommodation in hotels and other boarding establishments. Many of their parents are abroad.

With the prevailing high cost of living, the boarders are incurring heavy expenses. The average hotel expenditure at present, including transportation and meals, is estimated at about HK\$600 a month for each boarder.

Until then, the boarders will have to continue spending large sums on hotel accommodation and this point is causing great concern to parents, many of whom who can ill afford such heavy expenditure.

La Salle College has been requisitioned three times for military purposes since 1939.

In 1939, the College was converted into an internment camp for German residents. After the war, it was commandeered by the British Army for a military hospital.

This year the school accepted more than 900 students. Classes resumed late October, although the premises were not then entirely completed.

Six blocks erected in parallel rows house the students.

One row of bungalows is used as rest rooms for teachers, shops, stores and for the majority of the latrines.

A building to be erected between the present quarters of the school's resident staff and a hill is to be used as a hostel for the boarders.

Until the construction of this dormitory, boarders will continue to attend classes as day students.

At present the La Salle Brothers—numbering 10—and a small number of resident staff of the school live in a three-story house at the edge of the new campus. It is a new apartment house situated at the rear of House No. 125, Argyle Street, to which access is gained at a side lane branching from the street. It is also used as the school office.

Work on the new site was supervised by the Public Works Department. The long parallel blocks are about 200 feet long.

WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Julia Yung-ngo Lam and Mr. Eric Wong Tapp took place at the Bishop's Chapel on Saturday.

Witnesses were Mr. B. Wong Tapp, OBE, and Mrs. Beatrice Y. K. Wong.

The bride is a post-graduate student of Toronto University and returned from a trip to Europe recently. The groom is a chartered civil engineer.

Union "Comforters" Feted By Defecting Airlines' Personnel

More than 1,000 pro-Peking Government Chinese employees of the China National Aviation Corporation, the Central Air Transportation Corporation and the National Resources Commission, played hosts to some 500 "comforting" delegates from the Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Federation at a tea party held on the roof of the school for the children of members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Motor Workers' Union at Kowloon yesterday.

Among those present in the party were Mr. H. C. Wong, Acting Managing Director of CNAC, Mr. Y. P. Lui, Business Manager CNAC, Mr. Cheong Ching-nam, Director of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Federation, and other members of the flying personnel who had flown 12 CNAC and CATC aircraft to North China, and some air hostesses.

A wooden stage decorated with flags and banners was temporarily set up on the roof and on the stage hung Mr. Mao Tse-tung's picture flanked by two flags of the Chinese Republic.

The meeting started with the singing of the Communist Anthem. It was followed with clapping of hands to show respect to Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Peking Central People's Government.

Mr. H. C. Wong of CNAC delivered an address in which he stated that on behalf of the staff of CNAC, CATC and NRC, he appreciated the solid support offered to them by the members of the Labour Federation.

He further said that no matter what conspiracy the reactionary Kuomintang party makes the people's power will at the end crush it.

Before he ended his speech he assured the labourers that CNAC, CATC and NRC staff members are looking forward to learn the true spirit of revolution from the workers.

CATC Man Speaks

A representative of CNAC told Mr. Wong when the latter finished his speech.

Although many pretty and attractively-dressed air hostesses were present among the audience, he told the audience that in the past the aviation companies were being utilized by China's four large families (the families of T. V. Soong, H. H. Kung, Chiang Kai-shek and Chen "La-fu") to smuggle cosmetics, nylon stockings and automobiles into China.

These are luxurious articles and at present we don't want them," he said.

Mr. Cheong Ching-nam, Director of Labour's Federation, said that if the Hong Kong authorities should in any way damage to the properties of CNAC, CATC and NRC, the Hong Kong Government should be responsible for it.

"This is our strongest security with which we can assure ourselves that we will succeed in bringing the valuable aircraft back to our Fatherland," he concluded.

The speeches were later followed by presentation of comforting flags from workers' Unions and mass recreations.

JOINT FIRE-FIGHTING EXERCISE HELD IN HK

A series of "disastrous explosions" and "furious blazes" occurring in the Colony galvanised the whole Fire Brigade Department, Marine Police and Emergency Units into simultaneous action yesterday morning.

Two Chinese males were "killed" and 19 were "injured."

The sudden "catastrophes" which hit the Colony yesterday were unprecedented. To those in the know, they were just part of a combined exercise carried out with great seriousness by personnel of the three services.

All leave was cancelled yesterday. The operation began at 9 a.m. and was completed at about 2.30 p.m.

Communication was by public telephone. No alarm was used.

To the officials conducting the exercises, the joint operation was a success. The number of casualties was small in spite of the "furious blazes" which were successfully extinguished within a comparatively short period.

It all began when the usual Sunday lethargy enveloping the Colony was rudely shaken by three "explosions" of undetermined cause killing and injuring numerous personnel of Green Island Station, which operates concurrently as storage for Government and commercial dangerous cargoes and as the "eye" of shipping operations at the Western Approaches into the harbour.

As a result of these explosions, Godown 16 of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Kennedy Town, caught fire.

The message reached the Central Fire Brigade Station at 12.35 p.m. by public telephone and two fire appliances and No. 7 tank were dispatched to the scene, under the supervision of Chief Fire Officer W. J. Gorman, accompanied by Divisional Officer Brooks.

A third alarm came through five minutes later, which necessitated the despatch of another three appliances and two ambulances.

The ground floor and contents of the Godown were estimated to be severely damaged by fire. Eleven deliveries and one motor, from four motor pumps were used. A fire boat assisted the shore fire-fighters admirably. Turntables were used.

Two Chinese males were "killed" in the initial explosion. Two others were found "unconscious" and were rushed to hospital by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Shortly after the first fire occurred, another call reported that the Cheong Lee and Chung Hwa godowns at New Pier, Kennedy Town, were also affected by fire.

Two fire appliances were recalled from the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company's godown to help two others from Central and Eastern Fire Station to fight the blaze.

The area covering 100 by 30 feet was severely damaged. Five Chinese were "injured."

Then another call from Western Fire Station reported that the station was "blazing furiously." The sanitary office, garage and quarters were gutted by the fire. The upper floors of the station were slightly damaged by fire and water.

Two deliveries from hydrants were used.

"Due to prompt action by the personnel, nobody sustained injury," it was reported later.

On the mainland, the No. 7 boiler of the main generating room of the China Light and Power Station at Hock Huen, in Hang Hom, "exploded" and caused widespread fire.

Eighteen deliveries from three appliances and a fire boat were used. Five monitors and one foam making branch were also utilized. Three rail pumps assisted in the fire-fighting.

Fifteen Chinese males were "injured." A pregnant woman was also "injured" and sent to hospital by the St. John Ambulance personnel.

Deputy Chief Officer Brand and Divisional Officer Seymour supervised the Kowloon section of the Fire Brigade.

BANKNOTES FLOWN TO HOIHOW

A Civil Air Transport aircraft chartered by the Hui Nui Transportation Service Company, arrived from the Colony to Hoihow \$1,000,000 in local currency, notes of \$5 and \$10 denominations, yesterday morning.

Said to be the property of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank, the valuable cargo was carefully packed in wooden boxes.

Street Sleepers' Shelter Society Annual Meeting

The Street Sleepers' Shelter Society will hold its annual general meeting on December 28 at the Public Relations Office, Des Voeux Road, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The report for the year will be presented, and recommendations for the next 12 months made.

The year 1940 has been particularly arduous for the society, the "Sunday Herald" learned. The Shelter at St. Peter's Church, which was formerly inoperative during summer months, has been kept open throughout the year.

Destitute refugees and victims of local catastrophes, have been accommodated at the shelter in increasing numbers during the year.

One particular instance was the Wina On Godown fire, which filled the shelter with many people suddenly rendered destitute and homeless.

A campaign for funds will be launched by the Society to enable it to carry on its good work.

made more important by the enlarged refugee population of Hong Kong and more difficult by the contraction of available space to be converted into shelters for street sleepers.

Only One Site

The Society has only one site at present, the former St. Peter's Church.

Other shelters are maintained by the Salvation Army. Motive of the Society is to remove destitute sleepers from the streets into shelter where they will be less exposed to the elements.

In past years, work was only pursued during winter months, but this year it was carried on during summer as well.

All assistance is given free of charge by the Society's Welfare Officer and his staff.

Wong Yu To Be Tried In Macao

Wong Yu, sole survivor of the Catalina flying boat crash 19 months ago off Macao, will be tried in a Portuguese Court at Macao.

Vernacular reports from Macao yesterday said that he was taken to the Court on Friday afternoon to make a statement to the judge. The judge for his trial has not been fixed.

Twenty-six passengers and crew were killed in the crash on July 16, last year near Macao. Wong Yu has been accused of being one of the conspirators whose attempt to seize control of the plane shortly after it took off from Macao for Hong Kong resulted in the crash.

"At first it was proposed that he should be tried in Hong Kong. But the authorities here ruled that they have no jurisdiction over the case."

Stage Play To Be Broadcast

Excerpts from the Hong Kong Stage Club's second production of the season at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, will be broadcast today over Radio Hong Kong.

The play is "Trust for Two Hands", a recent success in London.

The authors, Mary Hayley Bell, was formerly a resident in the Far East; she is better known for her grim study of the underground movement, "Men in Shadow."

Like "The Importance of Being Earnest" the play is a costume play of the turn of the century, but there the resemblance ends. It is a stern melodrama set in the remote Orkney Islands, and has a macabre atmosphere far removed from the effervescent comedy with which the Stage Club opened its season.

The production is under the direction of Philip Cumber. The cast is a small one consisting of Elbert Holmes-Brown as the local family servant Fletty, Derek Orchard as the young poet Stephen Casa, Reinaldo Obillas as Edward Sarclett a distinguished surgeon, Marvia Bartlett as his daughter, Abigail and Nora Claxton who is making her first appearance in a Stage Club production, as the frustrated sister Fletty.

Tickets are obtainable at Mount.

Woman Hurt In Fall From Window

A 29-year-old woman, Chan Ma-yung, 283 Nathan Road, sustained serious leg injuries when she fell from a second floor window to the courtyard of the house at 12.30 p.m. yesterday.

She was washing the windows when she fell landing among a row of flower pots. Her legs were crushed between a stone bench and the wall almost severing one of her legs.

A fire brigade ambulance took her to the Kowloon Hospital.

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Manchester United retain second place with 26 points. England selectors were denied the opportunity of comparing rival centre-forwards, Jack Rowley and Jackie Milburn, as the United's home clash with Newcastle ended 1-1. The goal was scored from an injury sustained on Wednesday's match against Italy.

Today

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY
Legislative Council meeting 3.30 p.m.
The H. meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Literary and Debating Group meeting talk

Debate on "Administration of Justice in the Colony" by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, 8.45 p.m.
Dancing Class (admission free) at European YMCA, for Servicemen, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
Vandusen Rotary Club luncheon

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Mon's Club weekly luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.40 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.
British Council weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

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Salisbury Sound Lose To St. Teresa's In Action Packed Softball Game

Most of the other Senior league Softball tilts were close affairs, with Chung Hwa taking the giant-killing role again as Dick Chung's men staged a sixth inning rally to make up a five run deficit and edged out the Canadians 8-7, while Madcaps were extended into an extra frame before they nosed out Doc Molthen's Baseballers 9-8.

Paks almost created another upset in the Senior loop but booted the game away to the Braves 9-8 when their first baseman carelessly missed tagging the base for the final out of the game.

Carlos Y. Y. which to pull the game through for the Braves with a homer with two on bases.

baller Ben Fiori for six blows including Tito Hyndman's drive to centre which nudged it safely over the plate in the seventh.

Joe Franco started for the Saints and after allowing two solid blows, including a triple to Gregory which produced three runs, he was wanted in favour of Brown who finished the game with a superb performance.

Cumbancheros put up surprising resistance and only succumbed to the Americans 6-4, while Overseas just managed a 7-4 victory over the Dure-devils.

In the Junior league, Reed extended his winning streak to seven straight when they blasted two Powers hurlers for a convincing 10-0.

Loosing pitcher, Ben Flori, had erratic support behind him but his blazing pitches handcuffed most of the sluggers, and it was Raoul "Toby" Souza who sparked the South rally that has been the trouble for sluggers in the four games. He hit a home run, a single, a sacrifice bunt, a sacrifice bunt, to jump the count seven-a-

Vital Run Stranded

The sixth failed to produce an score for either side in spite of the fact that both teams tried desperately to break the deadlock, leaving the vital run stranded.

In the seventh, it looked as

In the Ladies Senior League, Spartans and Jaguars had early victories over the Pandas and Grizzlies.

In the Ladies Senior League, Wikileaks returned to form to subdue the Canadians 10-3, although both sides shared 10 hits apiece.

The Sausage Standout of the night was the knotted-browed, pincled-lidder Jawed-belted-a-two-bagger, but Huac-fanned the breeze to end the rally.

In the Saints last half of the seventh, Billy Soares pitched for Remedios and scored the first run. He's hunt! Eshken was

In the Jumbraw, the White Fangs given a life on first-backer Riebert's fumble. Tilo Hyndman brought came the hero of the day who he parked Flori's first pitch left-centre for Soares, to cross the plate with the winning ball.

Despite the scrappy play behind the plate, the were men whom when the fielding was brilliant

Unhold Honour

St. Teresa's upheld local softball honour when they nosed out the Salisbury Sound behind Jack Brown's masterful pitching. While the powerful Navy hitters could only connect for two scattered safeties in 5-2/3 innings, while The Saints nicked opposing first-

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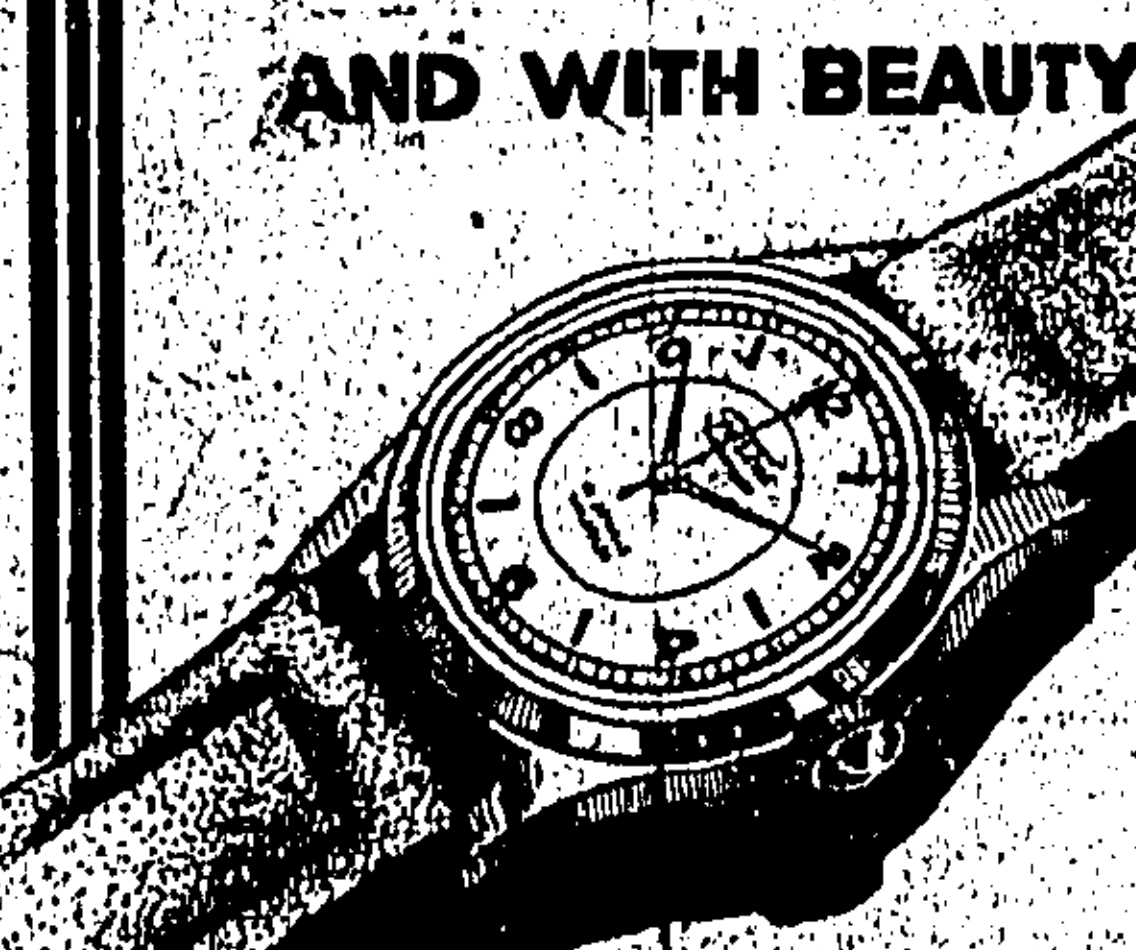
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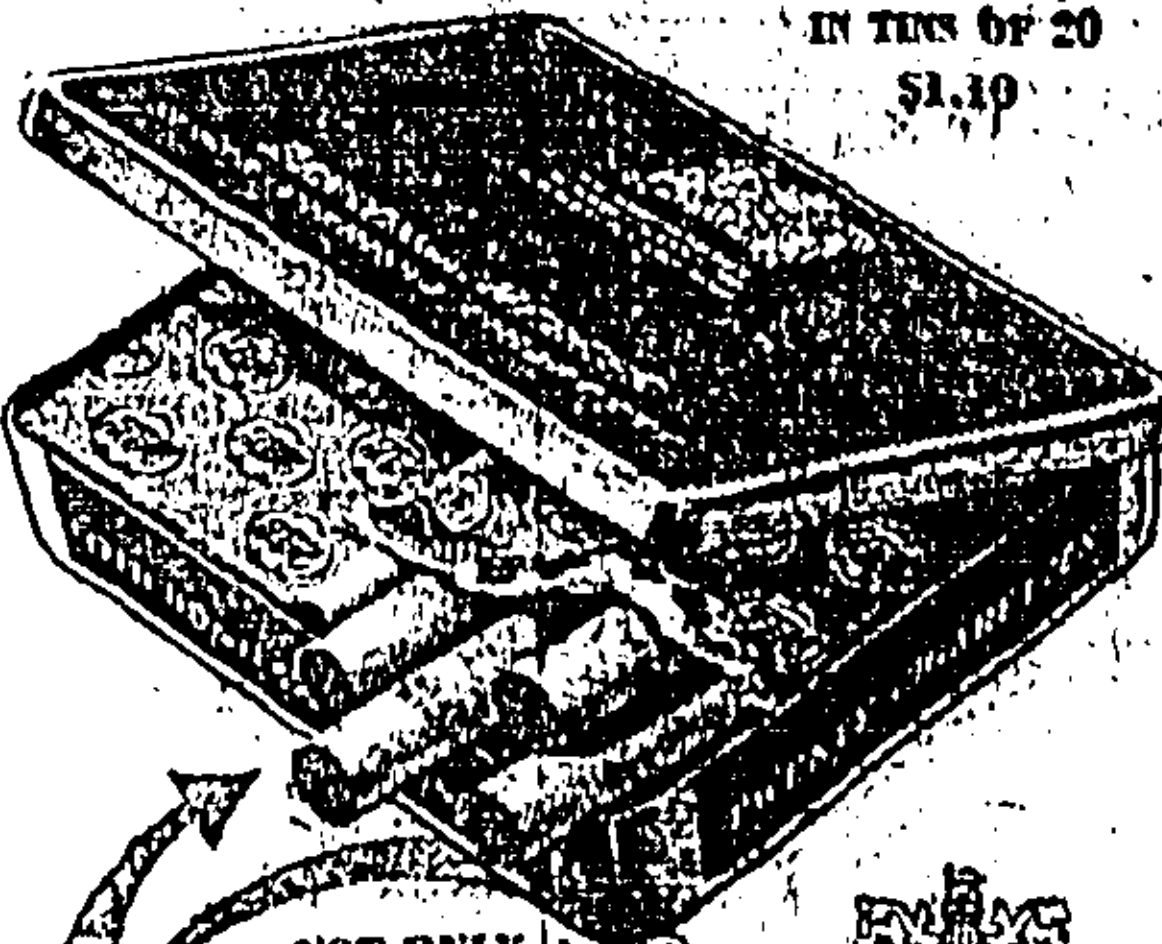


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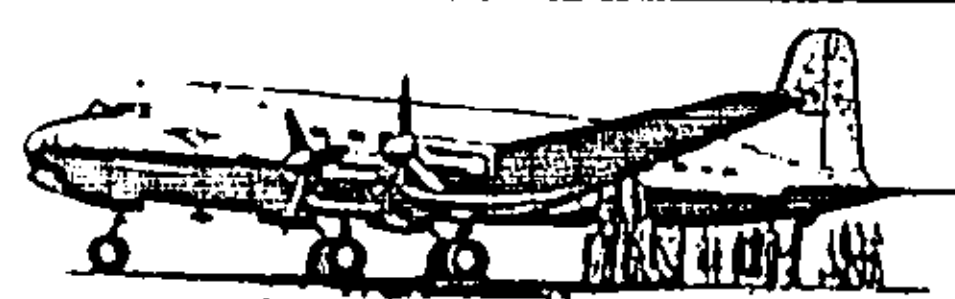
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THE SWING OF THE PENDULUM

In a week full of verbal recriminations, but destitute of any outstanding events save perhaps the fall of Chungking, the New Zealand elections attracted a great deal of attention. The Dominion is quite a small country as population goes, and it's at the ends of the earth. But it has always had an importance that defied these things.

It was, for instance, the pioneer in what is now called the Welfare State, and it had been ruled by the Labour Party for 14 eventful years. The elections there are to be followed by the elections in Australia and Britain. After the last American election nobody trusts forecasts or trends any more—they want the figures. There is a general feeling that Labour has lost much ground, but that isn't quite good enough alone. So the results of the New Zealand polling were awaited with a great deal of interest in both Britain and Australia: not because they would make any vital difference in basic policy in New Zealand, but because of their indications of what many may regard as a more general trend.

The National Party won the elections by a larger majority than had been expected, but not so large as the Labour majority fourteen years ago when, in a House of 80 members, the Labour Party had a majority of thirty. In the 1946 elections, the Labour majority was limited to the four Maori representatives. Now the pendulum has continued its slow swing over the years, and the National Party has been returned to power with a majority of twelve—46 to 34. The Communists may make a great noise in the world, but here again, as in so many other countries, they polled so few votes that they all lost their deposits.

The Parties opposing Labour in Australia and Britain have, of course, referred to the result as a happy omen insofar as their own hopes are concerned. Indeed, they have gone a little further along the road of optimism than is perhaps altogether justified. The New Zealand electors have brought about no landslide. They have merely obeyed the sound instinct of democratic peoples, who believe implicitly that a change of Government now and then is in the best interests of the nation. It brings new blood, new zeal, new approaches to problems of the State and redresses the balance.

The trend is clear enough, but whether it is strong enough in the next two countries of the British Commonwealth to test the people, to cause the defeat of the existing Governments remains problematical—certainly in Britain, if not in Australia.

The basic issues in all three are much the same: the contest between State ownership and control on the one hand, and retention of the considerable degree of private enterprise, which Socialism has not yet "transformed". It is too late now for anybody to alter what has been called the fundamental anatomy of the Welfare State. There can be no going back on what has been done. But there has been a certain amount of disillusionment; enterprises that seemed of great pith and moment have gone astray; the new

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A CHANGE IN BALANCE MAY MEAN TURMOIL

By "WINDRUSH"

Canadian Hens Lay Easter Eggs

By MARGARET BOWES

A breed of chicken which has no combs or wattles and lays coloured eggs was shown at Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last week.

"There aren't any other chickens in the world like them!" boasted their proud owner, Mr. O. P. Johnston of Toronto.

The unique breed, evolved after 11 years of experiment, have been named "Barnucanas". They were produced by cross-breeding poultry from South America and Holland.

Mr. Johnston claims that he can decide the colour of eggs and alter the feather colouring of chicks at will. Doubters were invited to attend the Royal Winter Fair, where they could see for themselves an array of coloured eggs produced by Canada's artistic chickens. Their colours range through chocolate, khaki, olive, green, and gray to taupe. A bit drab perhaps, but give them the time. Owner Johnston is confident that red and purple eggs can be easily produced, too.

"Once the hen starts to produce coloured eggs, it never produces any other colour," he says. "And there is no difference whatever in the taste."

Poultry His Hobby

Strictly an amateur in the breeding of Easter-egg layers, Mr. Johnston makes his living in the business world. But poultry have long been his hobby. In 1938 he imported a rooster and hen of the breed known as South American Barnucanas from Chile, South America. The birds, raised by an Indian mountain tribe of the same name, were extremely hardy, and followed the tribe from place to place when it moved.

"They followed like dogs when their owners whistled," Mr. Johnston said.

At the same time Mr. Johnston procured some Dutch Barnucanas hens, which lay brownish eggs. (The Barnucanas lay pale blue eggs.) By mating the Dutch hen with the South American rooster, he produced the world's first bona fide, pigment-in-the-shell Easter eggs.

The combs and wattles were eliminated by pairing off the cockbird and hen in the flock with the smallest wattles. Their combless, wattless offspring face the approaching Canadian winter with no fear of freezing the delicate fleshy appendages or getting them frost-bitten on icy cold drinking-cups the way their more ordinary cousins do.

According to Mr. Johnston, his chickens are as good as any others when it comes to producing eggs. In tests run this summer 61 of the hens laid 58 eggs in 61 days. Not a gold one amongst the lot yet, but give these Barnucanas time after all. Easter is only a few months away and they are the only chickens in the world that can lay Easter eggs!

Bureaucracy has cost much and returned no statistical rewards; and the impact of austerity has passed from growing irritation to sheer exasperation.

Moods decide elections as much as party loyalties or cold judgment. And there is a mood of revolt. But it is not quite of single purpose or even of single content. There are a lot of people who have no Party allegiance, who know in their hearts that the Labour Governments have carried the torch of democracy bravely and decisively through some of the most tumultuous and exacting years of all history.

There is even a sense of gratitude that they were in power in this time of ordeal, and a feeling that they have averted many worse things, as well as done many things that needed to be done and some things that might well have been left to others. The Labour Government of New Zealand has carried the country through all the storms and stresses of fourteen tremendous years, and it returns to the role of critic with honour and not, we hope, without gratitude among its own people. Certainly that is the sentiment that dominates the whole British Commonwealth as it witnesses this change in power, party and personnel, but not, essentially, in principles or broad policy.

Though this article is called "Asia's Security" it might be more accurate to call it "Asia's Insecurity." For, unhappily, insecurity is the chief fact in Asia today, as it is over all the world. Asia is living in a revolution. Many things are certainly being changed for the better. Reforms are being made which were long overdue. But the penalty of even the best revolutions is that they cause an atmosphere which is extremely explosive. This may lead to catastrophic wars which undo all the good achieved in the early stages of revolution.

The prime aim in international politics in Asia in the present period must be to create a system of security so that the various revolutions occurring in the Asian lands do not set off international war on the grand scale. To plan the new system for today and the future, it is necessary to look back and see how security was maintained in Asia in the past, and why the past system no longer works and has broken down. Past history throws a flood of light on what we must do in the present time.

Before 1930, Asia, except for China, had for several decades been a strangely peaceful continent, at least by the not very high standards of peaceableness found in world history.

The pre-1930 structure of security in Asia was compounded of special circumstances in four regions. South Asia—roughly the area from Java to the Persian Gulf—was a less homogeneous unit. It was the area of the European Empires in Asia. It was dominated by the British Empire in India; there were also the lesser Empires of France in Indo-China and Holland in Indonesia.

In spite of friction between these Western imperial governments, they were resolved not to fight one another; and until 1930

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their power was sufficient to give the region absolute security from invasion from outside.

Importance Of China

The second key area was the great land-mass of China. From early in the nineteenth century China had been decadent and disorganised. Its power was waning, not actual. Even after the success of Chiang Kai-shek in the early thirties, China remained a weak power, more likely to be attacked than to attack.

The third was Russia, which sprawled over Siberia and Central Asia. Its policy was described by the mid-nineteenth century British foreign secretary Lord Derby as being a gradual aggression. A later British Prime minister, Lord Rosebery said of it "The policy of Russia is practically unaffected by the life, the mood and lapse of time—it moves on as it were by its own impetus; it is silent, concentrated, perpetual, unbroken."

Russia's "gradual aggression" was the dynamic element in the pre-1930 system which was threatened to disrupt the system. But there were two factors which prevented this. One was the "gradualism" of the aggression. The other was that for the first four decades of this century Russian aggression was held in check by Japan.

Military Strength

Japan was the fourth key area of the old security structure. Japan was the only Asian power which in the pre-1930 period achieved great military strength by its own efforts. In 1904 Japan defeated Russia. At first Japan was prevented from becoming aggressive in its turn and striking Southwards by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It can be debated endlessly whether the ending of this alliance precipitated Japan's aggressiveness in the thirties, or whether the alliance was given up because Russia was no longer a factor in the supremacy in Asia had become inevitable.

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New Power—The U.S.

One new power has been added to the Asian system. This of course is America, which now wields in Asia the greatest political power ever known in the continent. America, it is true, did not disinterest itself in Asia even before 1930. Its influence at the turn of the century had helped to save China from partition. But the positive part of its play today is so much out of proportion to its part in the past that it can be regarded as a new actor.

These are the political changes which have taken place in Asia. How can a security system be created which will give as much peace to the new Asia as the old system gave to Asia in the past? The new system must be one which takes account of the changes in the military situation which have been taken place, at the same time as the political changes. The huge extension of the range of air operations and the atom bomb are the two considerations which have changed the military picture. War can be waged over much greater distances than was before practicable. Countries can attack one another which before were virtually out of each other's reach. Buffer states have lost much of their independence. Mountain barriers are more or less down, or much reduced. To hold the seas, air power is now as important as sea-power. In tomorrow's warfare, an attempt will be made to suggest how, even in a world so menacing, the Asian Governments may perhaps devise a system which will give them a certain measure of security.

Did you notice that Comrade Malenkov's speech on atomic development last month was an exact replica of Stalin's speech in March, 1939, when the second world war was threatening? It may well be that America will grow more reluctant to face a showdown with Moscow now. My information is that there are many voices for peace in the United States.

And in Russia?

All the people want peace, and none of the Politburo want to start an offensive war. But they would accept a war challenge in which the United States appeared as the aggressor.

Is there unanimity in the Kremlin?

I think that the political machine in Russia would stand very severe stresses as it did in the first year of the German war. Do not look to the Kremlin for help. If you can convince the Russian people themselves that there is an ample future for them, and no political revenge on them for a state of affairs that is outside their control—you will have already done very much. It is nonsense to think of Russians as imperialistic or Napoleonic.

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Got the bird?

"President eats turkey, Lays corner stone."

According to a week-end report, the U.S. dollar opened at HK\$20 1/2 and closed at HK\$20.31. Percy the proof-reader says you can never tell about the fluctuation of these money markets.

"The ordinary family doctor has been exceptionally busy, but the specialists have found themselves with time to kill." Busy or not, I'll take the ordinary family doctor.

Blake I know says that he always travels in the bus with his eyes closed. He can't bear to see ladies standing.

Let's keep it polite. "Mrs. Jones, I'm afraid it necessary to cancel her farewell party to her many friends today. PIGS."

A writer recommends the Pass of Llanberis in Wales as one of the prettiest in Britain. He can't bear to see ladies standing.

For a pleasant change, the Communists are adding something to the sum of human happiness. Everyone is enjoying the things that Comrade Stalin and Comrade Tito are saying about each other.

"In the absence of the minister, Mr. Undersecretary the Women's Guild yesterday. Mr. Undersecretary's familiarity with the subjects under discussion by going thoroughly over the outlines of the guild's work for the year."

Probably a married man himself.

Apologies that aim star who featured lobsters on her swim suit, Myrtle's grandfather says it's typical of the modern craze for novelty.

According to a household hints paragraph, "It is a good plan to keep a supply of rubber bands handy."

Some types around the border have been doing that for years

STRONG U.S. PROTEST ON CHINA BLOCKADE

Illegal Shelling Of American Shipping "INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK"

Washington, December 3.

In a strong note of protest, the United States has demanded that the Chinese Nationalist Government warn its warships that they cannot fire illegally on American vessels running the China coast blockade.

The State Department disclosed today that the rebuke was delivered on Friday to the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, who is now in Hong Kong.

Whereas the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had emphasised in a new conference on Wednesday that he wished all American ships would stay out of the "hazardous" Shanghai area, Saturday's note hammered the reverse side of the case—insistence that the Nationalist warships should not illegally attack American vessels.

The protest was directed specifically against the attack on Monday on the Isbrandtsen Line vessel, the Sir John Franklin, which was entering the Yangtze River leading to Shanghai.

MANILA GETS A SCARE

Manila, December 4. Guards at the Philippine Armed Forces' Signal Corps School on the Northern outskirts of Manila exchanged fire for 30 minutes early this morning with an unidentified armed band discovered by an outpost sentry.

Manila police were rushed to Northern roads to strengthen check points normally maintained on the city's outskirts.

Captain Felix Pabon, commanding the School detachment, said the fighting ended after reinforcements pursued the armed attackers several kilometres in the direction of the Novaleses Hills in Bulacan Province before losing contact in rough country. No casualties were reported on either side.

The sentry fired warning shots into the air after the group, approaching in darkness, refused his challenge to halt at 12.05 a.m. Manila time. The fire was hotly returned until reinforcements poured out of the School barracks and joined the fray.

The school houses large supplies of field communications equipment. The area is not far from haunts of Hukbalahaps, who have fought the Government for several years.—Associated Press.

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Chinese Raid On Tonkin

Peking, December 3. A band of 200 Chinese and Vietnamese partisans coming from South China attacked a French supply convoy North of Tonkin today and then fled back across the border, according to dispatches from Indo-China. The reports said the attackers were driven off with the aid of reinforcements rushed from Monca, near the scene of the attack. Five Vietnamese partisans were killed in the attack. The convoy was carrying food supplies to French troops stationed North of Tonkin.—United Press.

CHINESE RED FLAG IN LONDON

London, December 3. The gold-starred flag of Communist Chinese was unfurled for the first time in Britain today at the opening of a two-day unofficial Britain-China Conference.

Speakers demanded the immediate recognition of the new regime by Britain without awaiting a decision by the United States. Three hundred delegates representing 10 leading trade unions and 40 trade councils assembled in Beaver Hall, a room of London's fur trade, and applauded loudly and long as the Red Flag was unfurled and draped alongside the Union Jack on the rostrum.

The delegates rose to their feet with prolonged applause when the conference chairman, Professor H. Farrington of Swansea University, read a message of welcome telegraphed by Mao Tse-tung.

Mao said "The Chinese people welcome all efforts to strengthen the friendship of the peoples of China and Britain."

Professor Farrington said the conference was supported by Lord Boyd-Orr, winner of the Nobel Prize for 1949; Lord Strathairn, a Labour Peer, a Labourite Member of Parliament, scientists, educators and the "intelligentsia and workers of Britain."

Its purpose was to "try and give the lead to Britain in adjusting itself to the emergence of the new China."

"We believe China should be recognised not reluctantly but with enthusiasm," Professor Farrington said, adding that the conference deplored "half-hearted acceptance of the inescapable necessity for recognition."—United Press.

"BATTLE ORDER" OF COMINFORM

London, December 3.

The Soviet Communist Party organ, "Pravda," said today that the Cominform had drawn up a "battle order" to develop the "movement of fighters for peace," according to the Moscow radio.

This movement, it said, must be made worldwide. The newspaper, dealing with the Cominform meeting in Hungary last month, said that the international struggle between the Eastern and Western blocs had "Anglo-American imperialism sharpened and were carrying out mad preparations for a new bloody massacre."

It added that their plans were "even more groundless and adventurous than those of Hitler and the Japanese imperialists."

The Cominform meeting, it said, discussed in detail the "war-mongers."—Reuter.

Teheran, December 3. Persia has asked the International Bank for a US\$35,000,000 loan and delegates from the Bank are expected here on January 1 to study the question.—Reuter.

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American Master Protests Over U.S. "Inaction"

New York, December 3.

The master of the Isbrandtsen Line vessel Sir John Franklin, which was fired on by Chinese Nationalist warships November 28, has asked the U.S. Government what protection will be given the ship when it leaves Shanghai on December 6.

Captain Warren Hardy, in a letter made public by the owners, bitterly protested the State Department's "inaction" in the case.

This attitude, he said, placed the United States "in cheap disrespect in the eyes of the Orient."

The letter, dated December 1, was addressed to the American Consulate-General in Shanghai with a request that its contents be radioed to the State Department in Washington.

Captain Hardy wrote that his first protest to the Consulate, made immediately after the incident, had not been answered, and asked "Was my entry into Shanghai legal or illegal?"

He added, "If illegal, I request notice of legal, I insist upon suitable protection of the lives and property placed in my custody by the United States Government."

More Action Needed

The letter continued, "I consider your inaction in the Yangtze incident as deprecating the honour of the United States and ignoring the best traditions of our merchant marine in respect of the eyes of the Orient."

"As seafaring Americans, we object to your giving away United States Naval ships to irresponsible persons who are now attacking unarmed American merchantmen with impunity."

"We feel that our Government needs more action and less protocol when the lives of American seamen are threatened."

"Please instruct what procedure I should follow in departing from Shanghai December 6. What protection will be afforded crew and passengers?" the letter concluded.—United Press.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR HUNGARY

Budapest, December 3. The Government today published the draft of the new five-year plan to change Hungary into an industrial country and modernise her agriculture.

The main aims now are: extension of industry, liquidation of backwardness in agriculture, raising the standard of living by 183 per cent above pre-war standards and also the development of an armaments industry.

The Paris peace treaty, so Hungary could "accept the responsibility for its independence along with the Soviet Union and other friendly people's democracies and peace-loving people of the world against imperialist warmongers."—United Press.

PERTINENT QUERY

Washington, December 3. The State Department in a broadsheet named at Russia, today invited listeners to compare two Russian versions of the alleged use of atomic energy to blast mountains and change the course of rivers.

The broadsheet noted that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, told the United Nations that this already was being done in the Soviet Union, whereas "Pravda's" account reported that such use of atomic energy was still in the future.

The Voice of America said this was because it would be hard to find a single Russian who believed the account.—United Press.

IMPORT CONTROLS IN PI

Manila, December 4.

An agreement to allow representatives of the American, Chinese and Filipino Chambers of Commerce a voice in drafting regulations for enforcement of the new import controls was reached after an all day session with Government officials yesterday.

The decision to form a committee to study enforcement provisions mollified previous strong-voiced opposition of foreign and local traders to the plan which would cut imports of luxury and non-essential items up to 95 per cent.

The Chamber representatives said they are willing to adhere to the Government decision to cut imports an estimated 400,000,000 Pesos annually in an effort to halt the drain on Philippine gold reserves provided plans could be worked out which would prevent a sudden dislocation of trade, sources said. No official announcement was made by either side.

A committee from the Chambers and representatives of the Central Bank, Finance Department and Import Control Body will begin meeting on Monday in an effort to work out an acceptable plan.

The businessmen objected to a sudden decision to ban a large amount of imports on the grounds it would cause widespread unemployment, dislocate normal trade and result in inflation—the latter already a serious problem here.—Associated Press.

Ethiopian Attack On Italy

Addis Ababa, December 3.

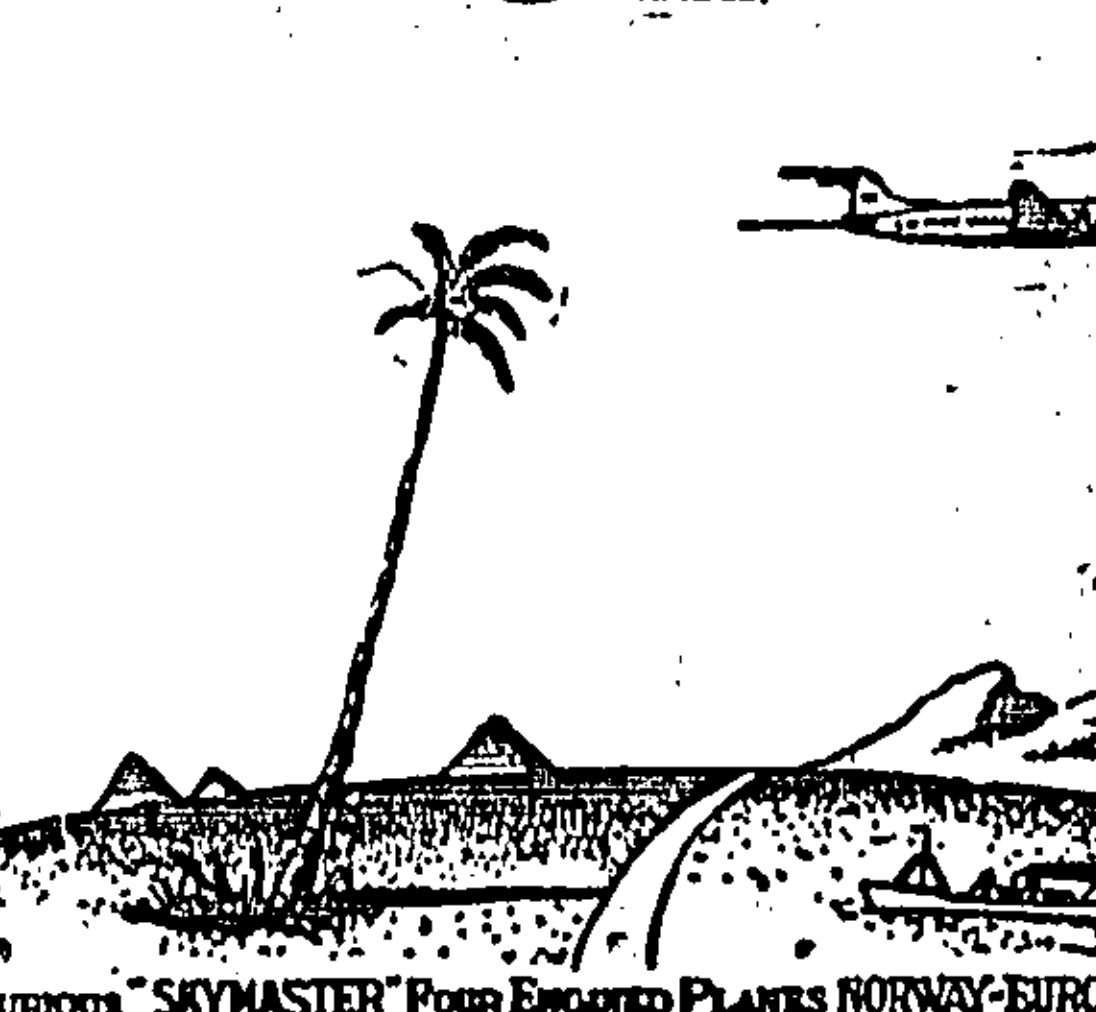
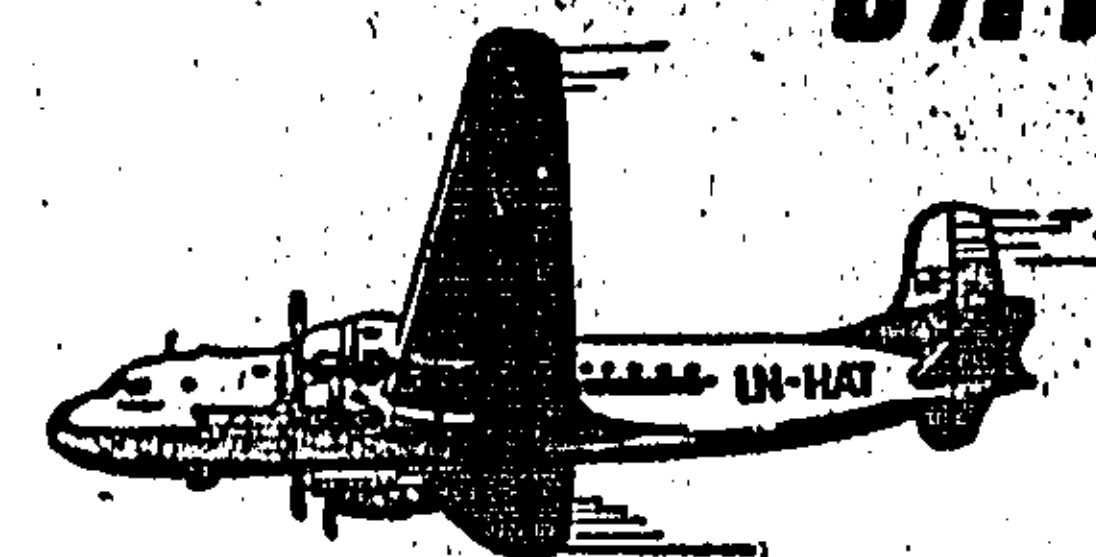
An Ethiopian Foreign Minister spokesman today denounced as "pernicious allegations made to discredit Ethiopia" the recent appeal made by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Sforza, to Britain to intercede with the Ethiopian Government to stop attacks on Italians in Eritrea.

(A decision on the future of Eritrea, a former Italian colony now British-administered and claimed by Ethiopia, was postponed last month by the United Nations Assembly until a special Commission had studied the problem on the scene during the coming year.)

"Count Sforza is attempting to mislead world opinion by placing on Ethiopia the responsibility of crimes committed in Eritrea which were most likely provoked by Italian Mopette activities," the spokesman said.

Several terrorist attacks, in which Italians and other nationals have been killed, have been reported from Eritrea during the past month.—Reuter.

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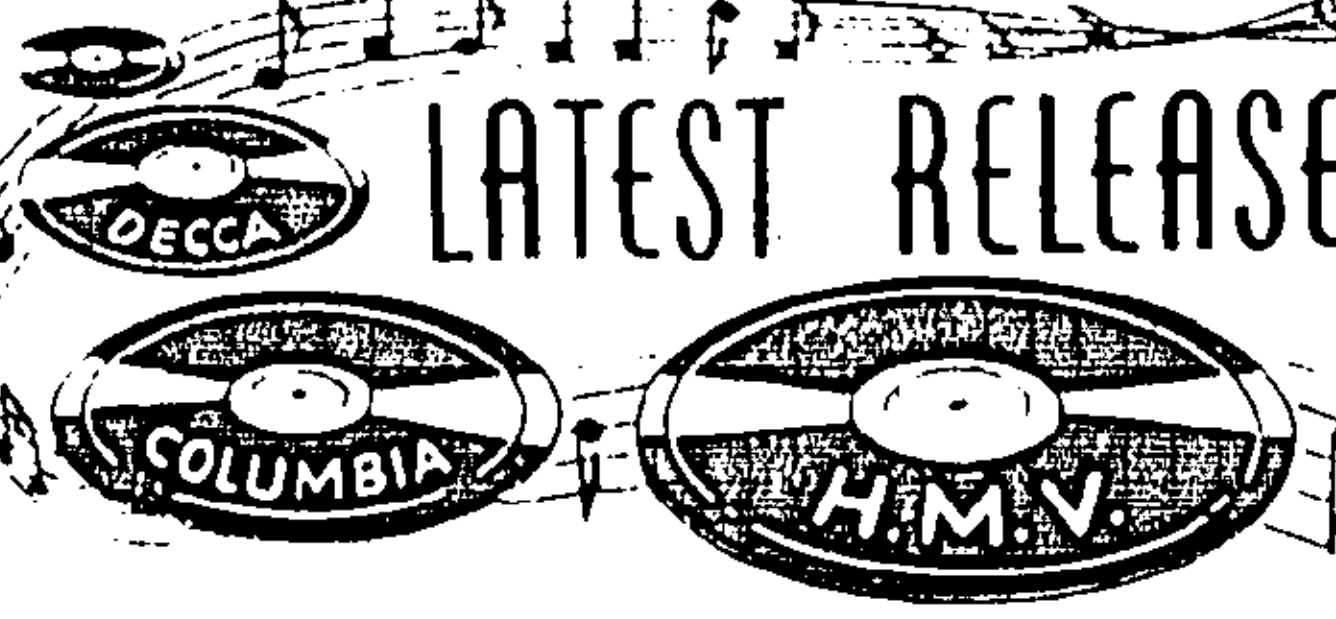
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'Times' Comments On New Indian Constitution

London, December 3.

"The Times" in a leading article on the Indian constitution today said it was "the work of men trained in British constitutional ideas," but added they did not "share the British distrust of statements of abstract principles".

Speaking of changes designed to give power to the centre in certain aspects, "the Times" said: "The union must have a strong centre both to protect it from disruptive influence and to deal with the widely differing federal units."

VATICAN ATTACKS PEKING

Rome, December 3.

A Vatican agency today denounced the Communist regime in China and said, "Anyone, whether individual or nation, who believes that he can come to a compromise with the government will discover his error sooner or later."

The Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of Faith, through its information service, "Fides," also expressed fear that a new wave of anti-Catholic persecution may sweep over Manchuria.

"Fides," attacking the Chinese Communists, said bitterly: "This is a system which no doubt will soon be internationally recognized as the government representing the will of the (Chinese) people."

In its reports on recent events in China, "Fides" said the country suffered extensively in church affairs but Catholic churches still enjoyed freedom in the cities of Harbin, Sinking, Kirin and Mukden.

Commenting on conditions in Communist-ruled China the report said: "At first, the liberators were full of honeyed words and talk of justice and love for the people. Once a foothold was gained the tune was changed."

"Exorbitant taxes are being imposed. There is a quality of despotism and impoverishment. The Communist regular army seems to be thoroughly brutalized while the higher-ups demand the best of everything and live in a style which betrays all their vaunted propaganda," United Press.

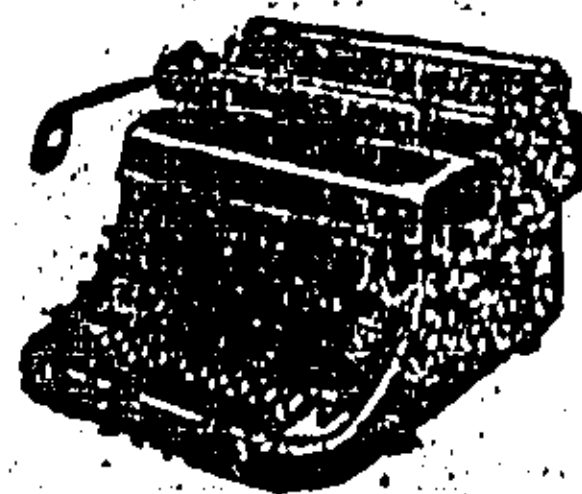
ENGLAND LASHED BY GALES

London, December 3.

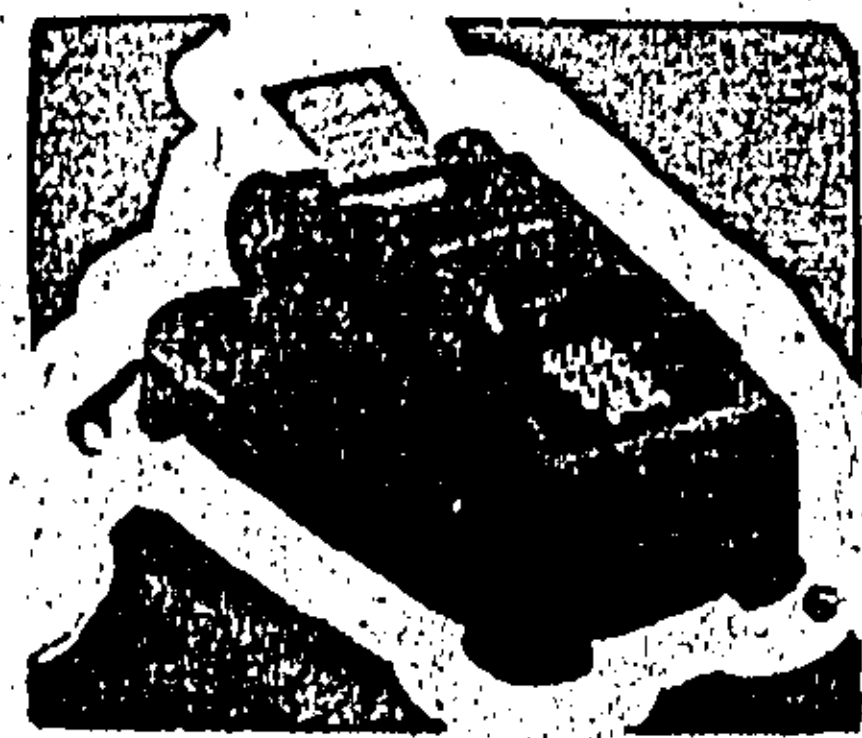
Waves 100 feet high battered the South Coast of England today and cross-Channel ships rushed for shelter as winds up to 50 miles per hour, with occasional 80 mile gusts, were reported all along the Sussex coast.

The waves pounded new coastal defences being constructed between Newhaven and Seaford to replace those wrecked by last winter's storm, and sea water pounded over the coast to the low lands. Hundreds of tons of debris were washed up and blocked road traffic.—United Press

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Ancient Grain Storage Pits



Workmen are seen removing grain from ancient storage pits in Valletta, Malta. The pits are covered by large stone slabs (seen in background) which fit tightly over the opening, thus keeping the storage bins fairly airtight and free of weevils. The pits are approximately 25-33 feet deep and 15 foot square. Grains and cereals are stored in these pits and can be kept safely for as long as three years.—(Associated Press Photo).

HAGUE AGREEMENT WELCOMED BY UN

Lake Success, December 3.

Despite strong Soviet objections, the United Nations Special Political Committee today welcomed the Hague agreement providing for the establishment of a sovereign United States of Indonesia at the end of the year.

By a vote of 43 to five, with four abstentions, the Committee urged the General Assembly to commend the parties to the agreement and welcome the setting up of the new State.

Only the Soviet group voted against the resolution, which was proposed by 16 Asian and Pacific countries, headed by India and including Australia, which met at the New Delhi conference on Indonesia early this year.

The Committee defeated an attempt by Poland and Byelorussia to defer a vote.

It also ruled that a counter-resolution by the Ukraine—calling for the withdrawal of Dutch troops, the creation of a Commission of all members of the Security Council—to inquire into the activities of the Dutch authorities—and abolition of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia—was not within the competence of the Committee.

This latter decision was on the ground that the Security Council still had the problem on its agenda, thus preventing the General Assembly from making any positive recommendation.

Mr. Dmitri Manulsky (Ukraine) made a strong attack on the agreement and demanded a Security Council inquiry.

He alleged that "the war unleashed by the Dutch occupiers with the support of the United States and the United Kingdom and directed against the Indonesian people is being waged even now with no less ferocity than in the past."

"Sold Out"

"Feroocious" battles were being waged, Mr. Manulsky charged, adding, "Yet it is being suggested by the delegate of India that we should sanction all these measures."

He also criticised Arab countries for signing the resolution commending the agreement.

"The Hatta clique has sold out to the Dutch," he asserted.

He said that "wide" democratic circles in Indonesia, as well as the resistance forces, did not recognise either the Hatta Government or the declaration of the Hague conference.

Hatta Government or the declaration of the Hague conference. Parts of the Indonesian armed forces were joining the resistance "in droves," Mr. Manulsky maintained.

"The deal between the Dutch aggressors and the Hatta clique at the Hague deprives the Indonesian people of their sovereign right to their own independent state," Mr. Manulsky declared.

"It deprives the Indonesian people of the right to use the resources of their land."

Welcome News
Sir Benegal Rau (India) had earlier urged an official welcome for the agreement from the General Assembly.

Sir Benegal said that the announcement of the round-table agreement and its acceptance by the Indonesian Republican Cabinet had been welcome news.

Sir Benegal said that India looked forward with feelings of special warmth and cordiality to the early emergence of the United States of Indonesia as a sister Republic.

"I would also like to express the hope that this sister Republic will join us at no distant date as a member of the United Nations," Sir Benegal added.

Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan) welcomed the agreement.

"In this instance it means the freedom of a people to whom the people of Pakistan are bound by intimate ties of religion and culture," he said.

Mr. John Hood (Australia) said that the agreement was one of the outstanding accomplishments of the United Nations.

He defended the work of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia.

Dutch Defence
Dr. C. J. Van Heukken Goedhart (Netherlands) declared that Mr. Manulsky was annoyed about the agreement because he could no longer talk of Netherlands-Indonesian disputes.

"Our conference partners are not yet represented at this table," the Dutch delegate continued. "When, therefore, the delegate of the Ukraine sees fit to label the Indonesians as the 'Hatta clique' it is my honour to step in with a word of protest."

"Not only is there no reason to doubt that these Indonesian leaders are the true representatives of their people, but there is also proof of their deep love of the people."

"The Ukrainian delegate has insulted them only because they do not belong to the Communist Party," the Dutch representative declared.

The United Nations, "should look to the future rather than dwell on the past."

Syria and Burma supported Sir Benegal Rau's resolution.

Mr. Warren Austin (United States) said that his country welcomed the agreement as a successful application of United Nations principles.

The United States looked forward to its ratification and to "the actual transfer of sovereignty which is to take place later this month."

Soviet Charges
The Soviet delegate, endorsing Mr. Manulsky's charges, alleged that there had been a "conspiracy" between Dr. Hatta, the Indonesian President, Dr. Achmed Soekarno, and the American representative on the United Nations Commission on Indonesia.

This plot was aimed at stilling the liberation movement—a puppet liberation movement.

Mr. Tsarapkin, the Russian representative, declared, "Immediately after the conspiracy, 'the Government of Hatta and Soekarno' made a 'shameless deal with the Netherlands' and received arms 'to break the national liberation movement of the Indonesian people,'" he charged.

Thus it completely "prepared the surrender of the Government to the Dutch invaders."

Mr. Tsarapkin further said that the agreement was pregnant with "serious political and military consequences" which might make Indonesia a threat to peace and security.

Mr. Julius Katz-Suchy (Poland) said that the agreement provided only for another form of colonialism in Indonesia.

Mahmoud Fauzi Bey (Egypt) criticised the Soviet group for "indulging in recriminations" instead of looking themselves to the substance of the matter.

He declared that the people of Indonesia must be helped towards complete freedom. The Committee had no right to be obstructive.

"We do have the duty to help and to welcome any forward step towards freedom," he continued.

"I urge the Committee not to show any hesitancy in the matter. All we do now is to welcome this step which seems to have been taken towards freedom."—Reuter.

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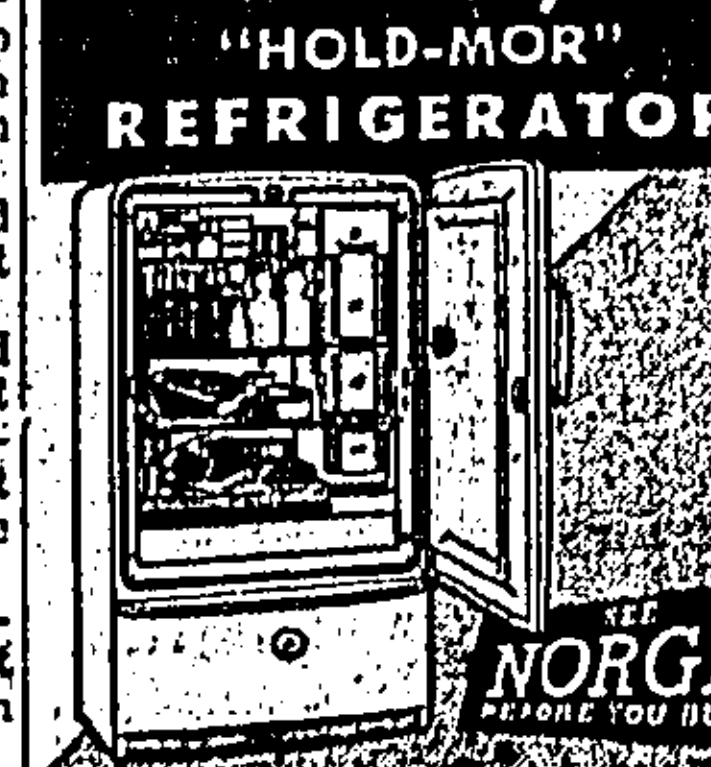


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Hitler's "Spirit" Reveals 13 Murder Attempts

Frankfurt, December 3.

The German spiritualist periodical, "Die Welt Von Morgen" ("World Of Tomorrow") today published what it described as an interview with Hitler's spirit in which the late Fuhrer related 13 attempts on his life while he was the Dictator of Germany.

"The first attempt against my life was in the summer of 1933 at the Hotel Kaiserhof, in Berlin, when I was offered poisoned nuts and apples," the spirit was quoted as saying.

Descriptions of the attempts were given in a detailed written report of a seance held on August 9 last which "Die Welt Von Morgen" published under the banner headline of "The Spirit Of Adolf Hitler."

Hitler's "spirit" described the other "attempts" as follows: "During the summer of 1934 at Wilmshausen when a bomb was placed near the rostrum from which he was to address a Party rally."

A plot by a General, Kurt Von Schleicher, former German Chancellor, the same summer. A bomb thrown into his car as he drove through the "helling" crowds in Nuremberg (in 1935).

A sabotage of his private plane which would have crashed if he had flown as planned from Berlin to Munich in the autumn of 1937. Three rifle shots fired at him while he drove through the mountain area near Berchtesgaden.

The "spirit" added that the SS Black Guards responsible for his security were shot the next day on his orders for this "attempts."

Woman's Attempt

Other abortive attempts were against his life were:

"On September 14, 1938, while securing such outstanding successes during my discussions with Chamberlain and Daladier an attempt was made to kill me and overthrow the Party," the spirit said.

"The eighth attempt was made on November 8 of the same year in Munich."

"At the Kew Airfield (in the Soviet Union) another attempt was made to murder me in the

winter of 1943, when a woman was arrested who had a bomb hidden under her skirts. She later confessed that she had intended to kill me during a reception given there in my honour by the Luftwaffe.

"Since the bomb plot on July 20, 1944, one attempt to take my life followed the other."

"During the last days in the Reich Chancellery in April, 1945, I did not dare to eat any more or even to drink mineral water because everything was poisoned."

"On April 27, 1945, poison gas was introduced into my private rooms in the Chancellery. I felt that the Almighty had withdrawn his protective hand. I was alone. Nobody obeyed my orders. Three days later, I committed suicide," the "spirit" concluded. Reuter.

"PLEBISCITE" IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, December 3.

Letting organisations in Cyprus today launched an island-wide "plebiscite" calling on Cyprus Greeks to vote in favour of the left-wing memorandum sent last week to the United Nations Security Council demanding union with Greece.

The memorandum suggested a plebiscite under United Nations supervision.

The organisers of today's "plebiscite" claimed that in the first three hours, 12,000 people in the four main towns of Cyprus had signified their approval of the memorandum.

They added that right wing signatures had been collected tomorrow and the "plebiscite" will be completed, will be sent to the United Nations headquarters. Reuter.



LET THE PEOPLE LAUGH!

An American is shown a picture of Hitler. He is laughing and saying: 'If everyone laughed there would be no big problems.'

UN TO TAKE OVER CARE OF REFUGEES

Flushing Meadow, December 3.

The United Nations General Assembly today decided to set up a United Nations High Commissioner's office for refugees.

It will take over the remaining functions of the International Refugee Organisation when it comes to an end in April, 1951.

A resolution to set up the office, approved by 35 votes to seven, with 13 abstentions, assumed that when it begins work on January 1, 1951, the large majority of refugees would have been either resettled or voluntarily repatriated.

The United Nations' office's chief function would be to offer continuing legal protection to Europeans uprooted by World War II. The Chief Executive would be a High Commissioner appointed by the General Assembly, upon recommendation by the United Nations Secretary General for a three-year term.

The United Nations would bear only the administrative costs of

running the High Commissioner's office.

The Assembly adopted a Brazilian amendment which stated that all other activities would be financed by "voluntary contributions," presumably to be given by States and private organisations.

Pakistan had pressed for Assembly recognition of the needs of millions of non-European refugees, who, under the resolution, would not be entitled to the services of the new office.

The Soviet Union and Eastern European countries supported a Byelo-Russia proposal to call on all members to furnish the United Nations with information on refugees and displaced persons on their territories, to recommend that all such persons be returned to their countries of origin.

The Byelo-Russian resolution provided for no continuing machinery after the end of the IRO's work.—Reuter.

UN Efforts To Stamp Out Big Narcotics Trade

Geneva, December 3.

A present flourishing international traffic in synthetic drugs will become illegal early next year by international agreement.

Experts of the United Nations permanent central opium board said today that in January final agreement will be completed to bring the drugs under conventions covering trade in such "old" and well-known narcotics as morphine and opium.

These experts said the new drugs, which can be manufactured in the home, are just as dangerous as the old.

The narcotics issue is one of the few before the United Nations in which there is no "cold war," and Russia was one of the first countries to sign the protocol including synthetics in the conventions. The recent adherence of Finland brought the number of ratifying countries up to the required number of 23. After a committee of experts of the world health organisation goes through the formalities some time in January of declaring the drugs narcotics, the conventions will apply.

This means that countries exporting and importing the synthetics will come under the same stringent controls applying to traffic in morphine, opium, heroin and other older narcotics. The 1931 conventions are credited with wiping out all but a vestige of an illicit traffic which in morphine alone averaged 20 tons a year.

The new drugs to which the convention will immediately apply are three. One of them is called demerol in the United States and goes by a different name in every country. The others are Amidone and Heptalgin (CBII).

Ratification of the protocol was crowded off the calendar of the last session of the American Congress, but the United States already applies the strict 1931 convention to the export of these drugs.

The United States is among the world's manufacturers of the synthetics, along with Britain, France, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium. Of these countries, only Britain and France have so far ratified the new protocol.

The United Nations hopes that other nations will soon follow suit.

Heavy Traffic

Under the protocol, importing countries will have to notify a supervisory body operating under the UN of their requirements in the synthetics for medical and scientific purposes for one year.

If the board finds after 12 months that these countries have received additional amounts it will demand an explanation. If exporting countries manufacture more than their certified needs and foreign shipments for the year, a corresponding decrease will be demanded by the supervisory body for the following year.

A spokesman for the central opium board said international traffic in Demerol and Amidone is already as high as legal international commerce in morphine. The system set up in the 1931 convention has worked so well, however, he added, that illicit traffic in morphine, opium and other non-synthetic drugs has all but ceased.

In some countries the governments have not clamped down on domestic sale of the synthetics, the spokesman said. After the war they were fairly generally prescribed by doctors in the United States who were unaware of their habit-forming qualities.

Demerol was even hailed by some experts as harmless.

In recent years, however, the United States has brought the synthetics under its narcotics legislation, and other nations are gradually swinging into line.—United Press.

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nouncements
1.25 "Music for You"
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Broadcast
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Renee Gillman (Studio)
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(Studio)
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No. 5 in A Minor, Op. 37, Joseph
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ques Fevrier (Piano) with the
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10.15—Weather Report
10.16—Latin American Music
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London Philharmonic Orchestra.
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**Vatican On
Emigration**
Vatican City, December 3.
America, Australia and Africa
should throw open their doors
to emigration from thickly-
populated nations, "Osservatore
Romano" said today.
In a front page editorial, the
Vatican newspaper asked that
law materials required for an in-
crease of work in over-crowded
areas should be made available at
reasonable prices.
"And besides, we invoke free
circulation of the forces of labour."
"There are immense territories
in Australia, Africa and America
and even in Europe which need
labour to utilise the resources of
the earth for a better living
standard for the whole of human-
ity."
After citing comparative average
incomes of various nations, a
"Osservatore" commented:
"The earth is not the property
of chosen peoples or of dominant
regimes which can give or refuse
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1.15—News.
1.30—Orchestral Concert.
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4.15—Today's Choice.
4.30—Vocalists—Song Stylings by
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Terry CG and the Mills Brothers
and His Orchestra.
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Guy Lombardo Orchestras.
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and His Orchestra.
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6.45—Do You Remember?—Musical me-
mories Through the Years.
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9.10—Local News—From Rediffusion
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Miss Gibbs".
10.00—"Music and Moonlight".
10.15—"Variety Bandbox"—From BBC
London.
10.30—BBC Midland Light Orchestra.
11.45—Standard.
12.00—Close Down.

POP
I HAVE LOST MY
LITTLE BOY
OFFICER!

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis
--THAT TIARA'S GOING TO LOOK
MIGHTY NICE ON NARDA. I SHALL
ATTEND THE CLARITY BALL TONIGHT
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I'LL HAVE TO
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FORMALLY--

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WOULD YOU LIKE
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DOLLARS?

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REALLY
SOMETHING,
EH? PRETTY
AS A PICTURE
AND TWICE AS
PERFECT! WHAT
DO YOU CALL
MISTER??
YEAH...
JUST A
LITTLE TOO
PERFECT
FOR MY
PURPOSE!
NOT BAD!
ONLY I'D LIKE
TO FLY ONE
OF YOUR MORE
ORDINARY
MODELS ON
THIS SAMPLE
CHECK-OUT!

JANE
Giles hurries forward as
Jane disappears in a
deep pool.
...from which she emerges
on a sand bank!
PREW!—
GREENHORN
DIDN'T MENTION THE
SANDS SNEAKED LIKE
THAT!—I'M SOAKED
TO THE SKIN—AND
I'VE LOST THE
PISTOL!
THANK GOODNESS!
NOW GILES HAS
GONE IN ONE
THE DEEP
END!!

BORDER DISPUTE IN ADEN PROTECTORATE

Cairo, December 3.
The Yemen's long-smouldering quarrel with Britain
over the disputed border areas of the Aden pro-
tectorate today threatened to flame into a
major international issue.

The Minister of State, Nassim Bin Ibrahim, an-
nounced: Firstly, the South Arabian kingdom
is preparing a full brief of its case for possible
presentation either to the United Nations As-
sembly, the Security Council or a World Court.
Secondly, Hassan Bin Ibrahim will shortly fly to all
Arab capitals to explain the
Yemen's case and ask for
Arab support internationally.
Thirdly, the Yemen, on
November 10, cabled the British-
owned Iraq Petroleum Company
warning them against prospect-
ing in the disputed Shabwa area
of Hadramut, saying the territory
is wholly Yemenese. The next
cable released here said the
Yemen learned that the IPC re-
quested permission at Aden for
such exploration.

Simultaneously the Yemen
cabled the University of Cali-
fornia warning it against sending
an expedition to the Shabwa
area without Yemenese permis-
sion.
Hassan Bin Ibrahim said that
last week he discussed the
Yemen's complaints with J.
Rives Childs, U. S. Ambassador
to Saudi Arabia. The U. S. has
no direct representation in the
Yemen.
RAF Bombing
Hassan today met the Arab
League Secretary-General,
Azzam Pasha to discuss the
dispute.
Hassan said Yemen-British re-
lations have deteriorated in re-
cent weeks due to alleged Bri-
tish failure to take action on the
Yemen's claims for compensa-
tion for RAF bombing of a
Yemenese fort in the disputed
area last August.
Reports of a British pil-
propping party active in the dis-
puted area caused further de-
terioration.
He said, "I fear the British

Deaths Of Portuguese Officers

Lisbon, December 3.
Two Portuguese Naval
officers, distinguished for
their service in the Far East,
died here today.
They were Rear-Admiral
Jorge Parry Periera, aged 77,
and Commander Alfonso
Carvalho, aged 69.—United
Press.

SLESSOR BACK IN BRITAIN

London, December 3.
Air Chief Marshal Sir John
Slessor, Chief-designate of the
Air Staff, landed at Northolt
Airport, London, tonight after a
35,000-mile, two-month tour in
which he visited nearly 80 Royal
Air Force stations in South
Africa, Pakistan, India, Singa-
pore and Hong Kong.—Reuter.

Government's attitude will force
the Yemen to deliver its case to
international councils.
He stressed that the Yemen's
King and government "have but
one purpose—to safeguard our
rights."—Associated Press.

Fair conclusion

THEN YOU
WILL FIND HIM
ON THE
ROUNDOUTS

By ALEX RAYMOND
WHY NOT ADD THE MUSTACHE TOO?
IT MIGHT BE AMUSING--

By FRANK ROBBINS
PAY NO MIND TO MR.
HAZARD, MIKE. LIKE ALL
WAS WEARY WARRIORS
HE DEVELOPS A GRISLY
SENSE OF HUMOR. HE
FLIES THIS P-51 IN THE
DEMONSTRATION! AGREE?
MR. HAZARD??
AGREED,
MR. GUNK!
DO THAT!

By FRANK ROBBINS
REPRESENTATIVE?
HECK, MISTER, ONLY
THINKING THAT RE-
PRESENTATIVE IS
FLYING COFFIN!
GROG SAID TO PICK
A SAMPLE...NOT A
SUICIDE CHIP!

JANE
Giles hurries forward as
Jane disappears in a
deep pool.
...from which she emerges
on a sand bank!
PREW!—
GREENHORN
DIDN'T MENTION THE
SANDS SNEAKED LIKE
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TO THE SKIN—AND
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"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	12th Jan.

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"RUYS" 11th Jan.	

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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In My Log

Here and there... Sometimes one wonders how tourists visiting the Colony for the first time feel about us when disembarking at Kowloon Wharf.

A chance remark by a new-comer from the luxury liner President Monroe gave us an indication of the "first impression" prejudice which seems to have a general influence on the visitors.

"How can they survive in such a filthy way?"—and the sight that provoked this remark was a group of men, women and children aboard a junk lying alongside the wharf.

Some were busy loading bales and crates of cargo, while the womenfolk, some with babies strapped to their backs, were cooking and preparing the noon meal.

Having to walk on oily or wet rail tracks, step over coils of wire or edge through crates evidently is not good food for thought for the newcomers.

After all, in the guide book we are known as the Isle of Fragrant Streams.

At the Star Ferry Piers.

A recent disclosure that an average of 10,000 people a month were defecating the Hong Kong Yau-mat Ferry Company is thought-provoking.

That was estimated as being a minimum. More have escaped detection.

We begin to wonder when seeing hundreds pass through the commuters' gates at the Star Ferry Piers—unchecked most of the time.

It is believed that about 100,000 people cross the harbour a day.

Perhaps, another sensational disclosure is forthcoming.

At the Chak Sang Inquiry.

Like all inquiries, the process is tedious, entailing much cross-talk and note-taking.

But exhibits produced on such occasions are generally useful in breaking the monotony.

Those brought by a witness at the last sitting during the week of the Marine Court of Inquiry, investigating the harbour disaster of September 7, were no exception.

In test tubes, large bottles, tins and paper boxes, charred bits, dissected from the wreckage, and dirt and chemicals, gathered from certain premises, were presented to support the expert evidence.

And after an exhaustive 90-minute explanation of an intricate and meticulous investigation, the sensational assertion that the British steamer was sabotaged as she rode at anchor in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, off Signpost Island, was made to climax the day's painstaking note-taking of facts covering the movement of cargo consigned to the ill-fated ship.

And at the Central Police Station.

Within a period of 30 minutes, we saw a well-dressed lady, reporting that she had been scratched by a cat and requesting to be accordingly examined, an American couple lugging in a taxi-driver after being brutally run over, a detective reporting a suspected case of unstamped mails getting into the Colony illegally and a youth arrested for alleged larceny of a fountain pen. It was a Saturday afternoon, too.

Marriage Customs Of The Tanka Community

(This is the fourth of a series of articles on the life, beliefs and customs of Hong Kong's unique "floating community.")

If the "Tanka" parents do not generally provide their son or daughter with the comforts of life, tradition wills it that he or she be given the best of everything in marriage.

The matrimonial rites are of prime importance in life afloat. However poor a "Tanka" family may be, every effort will be made to celebrate the happy event with pomp and gaiety.

Marriage in "Tanka" society means to many the acquisition of additional labour in the form of the son-in-law; to some the merger of the two families into one business concern, and to others reimbursement of past expenses incurred in bringing up the child, usually the girl.

Strict adherence to traditional rites by both parties concerned marks the nuptial preparations, from the match-making to the ultimate day when the couple are united as man and wife.

Negotiations are conducted in elaborate fashion before the "Tanka" custom. The ceremonies are observed with pomp and gaiety. The extent depends on the individual wealth.

The "Tanka" people marry at a very early age as is often the case with Asiatic races. It is not uncommon to know of some fishermen 35 years old having a flock of grandchildren at his back and call aboard a "Tanka" craft.

The "wife" is generally matched to a fisherman before she reaches 10. Aboard craft of certain classes of "Tanka" society, these child-wives can be distinguished from the rest of the family by the coloured turbans which form part of their costume.

They do not normally marry higher than four feet on their bare feet. But despite their "maturity" these girls still indulge in childish recreation as any others of their age, besides helping with the domestic affairs of their husband-to-be's families.

As is evident from the splendour and extravagance of the event, marriage is an expensive business to the "Tanka" parents. These myriads of tradition will borrow heavily regardless of

tance, who is still the 20-year-old bashful husband with a 15-year-old bride.

Ah Tsui is of the middle class and lives aboard a sampan, one of several hundred nestling off the Praya in the Yau-mat Typhoon Anchorage. He is one of two sons and earns a meagre income as an odd-job coolie ashore, while his mother and 15-year-old brother man their little "sampan" (ricksha) of the harbour—plying between the Island and Kowloon.

Ah Tsui recalled the "complications" that he and his wife went through before his child was joined to his family of three.

In his case, as with all other "Tanka" marriages, it was certainly not love at first sight. In fact, Cupid hardly seems to enter into "Tanka" life.

Mother decided some time ago that her son and heir should get a wife. A matchmaker was contacted and the necessary particulars—expenses, type of girl, age and the imperative condition that the girl be joined to the family—were supplied accordingly.

A month of negotiation and several courtesy visits between the two families, except the would-be bride and groom, completed the deal.

The day was selected and preparations for the ceremony and feasting were made by both sides within a week.

A Dowry

Ah Tsui paid all the expenses of the marriage ceremonies, besides the contracted amount, mutually agreed upon by both parties. This is the "san ka nung"—a sort of dowry for the bride's parents. The groom also arranged for the feasting.

The bride's parents had only to supply their daughter with trousseau and whatever jewellery they could spare or provide.

Like had other brethren, Ah Tsui had to seek the assistance of a money-lender to cope with the demand for ready cash. But with his more or less regular income and the earnings of his "ricksha" our acquaintance is confident of tiding over any crisis.

On the day before Ah Tsui first saw his blushing bride, a feast—"tai tai" or big feast—was given to relatives and friends by the bride's family, but the expenses incurred were borne by Ah Tsui, according to custom. Neither the groom nor the bride were present. Gifts were given by both parties to each other and also by relatives and friends.

A "restaurant junk," specially decorated for the happy event, was hired to accommodate the guests and relatives. To herald the feasting, earlier in the day relatives and friends went about leading drums and carrying cymbals in two flag-bedecked sampans. Firecrackers were burned now and then as the "bridal sampans" cruised around in the vicinity visiting the bride and groom.

The actual ceremonial rite was carried out aboard the junk, a feast—"tai tai" or big feast—was given to relatives and friends by the bride's family, but the expenses incurred were borne by Ah Tsui, according to custom.

The heavily-rouged bride, who had not seen her spouse, before the momentous day, was escorted by the matchmaker and attendants, relatives of the bride, to the groom's sampan, where she was received with great awkwardness by her bashful husband-to-be, at the bow of his sampan.

From there, the ensuing process of custom observance was somewhat similar to shore ceremony.

Bride's Respects

The bride paid her respects to her in-laws, prostrating herself obediently before Ah Tsui's mother and serving tea to his uncles and aunts. Then followed the feasting, interrupted now and then by burning firecrackers.

At about 8 p.m., the traditional "leaving of bride and groom" started. The newly-weds stood at one corner of the junk, while guests sat or stood before them and indulged in good-natured "leg-pulling".

Firecrackers with underlying meaning and some under more candid jokes on the honeymoon and subsequent married life were made. Quizzes were answered.

When either the bride or groom failed to answer, each had to serve a round of wine or tea.

At the same time, a party of hired musicians gathered on the bow of the gaily-decorated junk entertained the guests. The noisy affair ended at midnight.

The one-night honeymoon was spent aboard Ah Tsui's sampan. Mother and brother stayed aboard the "sampan" (ricksha) anchored nearby at a discreet distance.

On the following day, Mrs. Ah Tsui began her life of the domestic work and managing the "sampan" (ricksha).

And like any other "Tanka" family, the Tsui carry on till another similar nuptial event comes along to lift the veil of darkness shrouding their bare existence.

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This is the sixth of a series of "Do You Remember?" quizzes on the week's shipping headlines. Each query will have a clue attached.

The answers are found underneath—turn the page upside down. Try your memory!

Do You Remember:

- 1) What helped the Chinese crew of the ss. Promise to subvert after their supplies ran short while waiting off the Yangtze to sneak into Shanghai waters? (Biscuits)
- 2) A recent compromise between Egypt and Israel involving the Suez Canal? (Cargoes)
- 3) Why Australia lost trade valued at A£40 million in the past year with Indonesia? (Ban)
- 4) The names and last ports of the blockade runners returning to local waters during the week—British, Norwegian, Panamanian and Russian?
- 5) The recent "lake defence" development of the Swiss Navy to keep vigilance along her lake frontier? (Speed)

Answers:

1. Biscuits. The crew of the ss. Promise, who had been waiting off the Yangtze for several days, were so hungry that they ate the biscuits which they had been given to eat. The crew then used the biscuits to bribe the Chinese crew to help them sneak into Shanghai waters.

2. Cargoes. The compromise was that the Suez Canal would be closed to all ships carrying cargoes of arms and ammunition.

3. Ban. Australia lost trade valued at A£40 million in the past year with Indonesia because of a ban on the export of certain goods.

4. The names and last ports of the blockade runners returning to local waters during the week—British, Norwegian, Panamanian and Russian?

5. The recent "lake defence" development of the Swiss Navy to keep vigilance along her lake frontier? (Speed)

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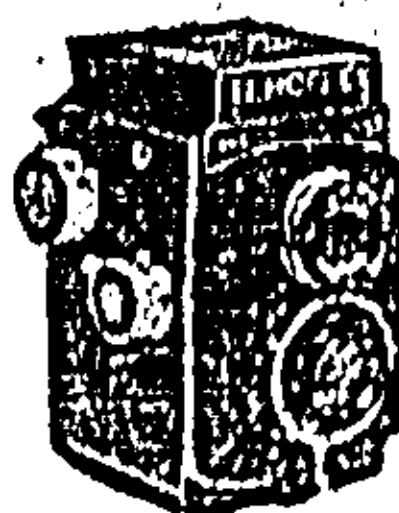
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Sports Pause



Chinese Beat HKFA XI In Governor's Cup Soccer Game

The Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation XI won the First Round of the Governor's Cup Soccer Competition when they beat the Hong Kong Football Association XI by five goals to one on the Club ground at Happy Valley yesterday.

Apart from a sparkling display by the Chinese left-wing combination of Lee Tai-fai and Yiu Cheuk-yin and the speedy dashes of Pereira, HKFA's left-wing who later played centre-forward, the standard of play seldom rose above the mediocre.

There were few exciting moments during the game except when the goals were scored.

One incident, however, brought part of the crowd roaring to its feet but it had nothing to do with the game.

Some timber stacked under the Stand nearest Sports Road caught fire during the second half and several hundred panicky spectators rushed on to the field of play. The game was held up for a few moments while the fire was being put out.

The Fire Brigade arrived at the ground in quick time, but was not called into action. During the game, numerous players received injuries and had to leave the field at some time or other.

First to be injured was Higgins, who rushed into the field after 15 minutes of play and had to leave the field for treatment but returned within five minutes.

Pulls Leg Muscle

Then, in the 24th minute, Higgins pulled a leg muscle and retired. He returned to play at left-wing shortly before the interval, but was little more than a passenger. In the second half he did not play at all.

A few minutes after Higgins received his injury, the Kam-hung received a hefty kick from Higgins and had to retire for a short while.

During the second half, Teng-tai also became injured and had to switch places with Wootton. Castilho, in attempting to score away through the second half, collided with the Kwai-kun and his toe was absent from the game for a short period.

Pick of the HKFA players yesterday were Pereira, Brown and Santos. Both Pereira and Brown, the HKFA wingers, were dangerous whenever in possession of the ball.

Santos was a hardworking left-half and did extremely well in spoiling many dangerous raids by the Chinese forwards.

Usual Tactics

The Chinese played their usual game and when they had scored several goals, began their usual daily-dribbling tactics.

Hau Yung-sung won the toss and chose to set the HKFA against the sun.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Twelfth Race Meeting

Saturday — 17th December, 1949.

There are eight races, the First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (8 Races—\$10) May be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" (over 100,000 tickets said to date) to be run at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Pearce Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSAGES.

Servants' passages will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,

A. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

GOVERNOR'S CUP

CNAAF 5 HKFA 1

SECOND DIVISION

Dockyard 3 Prisons 2

Royal Navy 6 PCA 3

News Vendors 6 Yard Police 1

RAF 6 St. Joseph's 1

S. China 6 University 1

Eastern 6 Police 1

* These two games were not played.

towards the centre of the field instead of trying to draw the opposing half.

In the 20th minute, Yiu drew from his charge and lobbed the ball into the goal. However, he evidently handled the ball before shooting, as the referee again disallowed the goal.

Eighteen and then the Kam-hung received injuries and both had to leave the field for treatment.

The HKFA forwards pressed hard for the equaliser, shots in turn by Pereira, Brown and Berry were blocked.

Five minutes from the interval, Lee and Yiu brought the ball into the scoring area by a series of passes between themselves before Lee centred to Kwok, who tapped the ball into the corner of the net for the CNAAF's second goal.

Both sides began to add steam into their tackles and spills and mix-ups were the order of the day.

Shots Were Weak

Brown broke through on occasions, but his parting shots were weak and were easily cleared.

Two minutes from the interval, Pereira tested Tam with a pilder-driver which the latter saved. Pereira again obtained the ball and this time his shot hit the cross bar.

The rebound was handled by Tang Sun in the penalty area and the ensuing spot kick was taken by Brown, who scored.

At half-time the score was 2-1 in favour of the Chinese.

Throughout the second half, the HKFA played with only 10 men, Higgins being missing from the line-up. Pereira moved to the centre-forward berth.

The Chinese were pinning the opponents in their own half of the field and in the 25th minute, Lee dribbled past Tennant and scored.

Then, after another passing bout between Lee and Yiu, Kwok scored the fourth goal for the Chinese from the ensuing centre.

Enjoying the lead of 4-1, the Chinese began to indulge in fancy passing and were content to keep the ball going from one player to the other without moving towards their opponents' goal.

Several Chances

However, the Chinese did not have things all their own way, but Castilho, Brown and Pereira did not seem to be able to find the net with their shots. Pereira had several chances to score but each time he either ballooned the ball or his shots went wide.

Ten minutes from time, Kwok scored his third goal from a centre by Ho.

The final minutes saw the HKFA forwards striving to reduce the arrears, while the Chinese seemed content to rest on their laurels to keep the ball from getting near their own goal area.

HKFA: Pratt; Wootton, Woods; Castilho, Tennant, Santos, Brown, Berry, Higgins, Pereira; CNAAF: Tam Kwan-kon; Hau Yung-sung, Fok Yiu-wah; Tang Sun, Hing-yuk, Lee Kam-hung; Ho Yung-fun, Kwok Ying-kee, Tang Yee-kei, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Lee Tai-fai.

Inclined To Wander

Several fine centres sent across by Lee were wasted because Kwok was inclined to wander

New Hardcourt Champions



Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai, who won the 1949 Colony Hardcourt Doubles Tennis Championship when they beat Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yui-pui at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Australia Win Hazzard Shield

The local cricket "Test" for the Hazzard Shield between teams representing England and Australia at Chater Road yesterday ended in an easy win for the Australian XI by 127 runs.

In the first of these annual games last year, England beat Australia to win the coveted Shield which changed hands yesterday.

Taking first lease of the wicket, the Australians showed scant respect for the English attack and knocked up 225 for eight declared.

E. Kirby, opening batsman for the Aussies, punished the English bowling severely and at the time the declaration was applied, had scored 103 not out.

Other batsmen to do well for the Aussies were T. P. Mahon (37), J. B. Hawthorn (20) and L. T. Rids (23).

Gambrell was the only English bowler to meet with any measure of success, taking four wickets for 66 runs.

The English XI failed miserably when it came to their turn to bat and were all out for 98, the only batsmen to stand up to the Australian attack being L. D. Kilbee (27), T. S. Grant (10) and R. T. Pierce (18). Mr. "Extras" helped with 16.

T. P. Mahon proved to be a real terror with the ball and sent a few of the English batsmen back to the Pavilion for 22 runs.

Arthy followed up his splendid batting performance by taking three wickets for 15 runs in 8.2 overs, one of which was a maiden.

AUSTRALIA

N. E. Arthy not out 105

E. C. Fletcher c Ball b Gambrell 1

G. Hong Choy c Kilbee b White 0

White 0

P. Weller b Gambrell 8

N. R. Oliver c Kilbee b Ball 15

L. T. Rids c Kilbee b 23

Hart-Baker 23

J. B. Hawthorn b Gambrell 20

A. D. Duffy b Gambrell 0

T. P. Mahon b Ball 37

Extras 16

Total (for 8 wks) dec: 225

H. H. Rankine, W. Tingle did not bat.

KCC BEAT ARMY AT TENNIS

In a friendly tennis match played at Cox's Road yesterday, the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated Army by four sets to three.

Col. Spence and Capt. Turner, Cooke beat C. Kotewall and F. Zimmerman 6-3, 6-3.

Major Mitchell and Capt. Stewart lost to T. Baker and J. Chubb 11-9, 5-7, 4-6.

Lieut.-Col. Forward and Major Sale lost to A. R. White and J. Lorton 4-6, 4-6.

K.H. Ip And Tsai Win Hardcourt Doubles Title

In the Colony Hardcourt Tennis Doubles Championship Final played at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday Ip Koon-hung, partnered by Edwin Tsai, defeated the holders, Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yui-pui, in straight sets 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 to become the 1949 Champions.

The Tsai brothers could not cope with the fierce drives and fiery smashes of Ip and Tsai. Throughout the whole match, the former champions were forced on the defensive and seldom took the initiative.

All four players started off shakily, but Ip's experience abroad stood him in good stead and he and Tsai won the first three games of the opening set before dropping the fourth.

Ip's interception at the net was beyond reproach and his presence at the net forced the Tsai brothers to lob, but their lob was severely dealt with by Tsai.

Unable To Settle Down

The Tsai brothers did not seem to be able to settle down to their usual steady game because of the forcing tactics adopted by Ip and his partner, who won the first set at 6-2.

Ip and Tsai went into a lead of five games to love in the second set. Ip's overhead strokes were faultlessly executed and his service produced ace after ace.

Tsai's twisting service also had the brothers guessing and they could only win one game before losing the second set.

In the third set, the Tsais put up a much stiffer fight. By adopting the offensive, they won the first two games and then made it 1-3 in their favour. However Ip and Tsai won the next four games in a row with drives and smashes intermingled with cunningly concealed drop shots.

The Tsai managed to win the next game to make it 4-5, but Ip and Tsai were not to be denied with victory in their grasp and won the 10th game for set match and championship.

KLN. TONG GARDEN CITY CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The following are results of tennis matches played at the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club yesterday:

Singles Handicap

C.Y. Wong beat Y.K. Loke, 4-6, 6-6.

Singles Championship (Semi-final)

Rock Liang beat Ip Chun-hing 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles Championship

Rock Liang and S.C. Kwok beat Daniel Chen and Lawrence Chen 6-2, 7-5.

K.K. Lee and K.L. Wu beat Percy Chen and C. D'Almeida 6-4, 6-1.

A STADIUM IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

(By "ROVER")

The stampede which took place on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday during the Governor's Cup soccer match following shouts of "Fire" serves to prove, most conclusively, the crying need for a properly constructed concrete Stadium in this Colony.

The panic which followed yesterday's alarm is an example of what is likely to happen on a very much larger scale and with very grave results should a conflagration actually envelope the match stands.

Old residents of this Colony will no doubt remember the Racecourse tragedy of 1918.

In that year, the Jockey Club stands were not built of concrete as they now are, but were made of wood and after the style of the present football stands.

During a race meeting, the stands caught fire and in the ensuing stampede, hundreds of racegoers were hurled to death and a large number of others seriously injured, some maimed for life, as a result of being trampled upon or caught beneath falling timber.

A Grim Reminder

The monument on the hillside below Tai Hang Road at the rear of the South China ground at Caroline Hill, is a grim reminder even to this day, of that tragedy. Is one to assume that only a disaster of such magnitude as that of the Racecourse tragedy will move the powers-that-be into giving their approval for the erection of Stadium such as that visualised by the Hong Kong Football Association?

Somewhat or other, it seems that only a disaster, involving loss of life, is the only thing which bestirs certain officials, after a Court of Enquiry has made certain recommendations, into taking appropriate action, although the necessity for such action was apparent to the average man-in-the-street long before the disaster.

Is there any reason why thousands of dollars from Public Funds should be wasted in providing disaster when, with a little foresight and commonsense, such disasters and consequent heavy loss of life could easily have been avoided?

The dangers to which members of the public attending football matches under existing conditions are exposed is apparent to all and the time has come for Government, which derives substantial revenue from soccer, to give sympathetic consideration to schemes of the Hong Kong Football Association for the erection of a sufficiently large concrete Stadium.

MALAYAN STUDENT WINS BADMINTON TITLE

Manchester, December 3.

F. S. Lau, a Malayan student at Southampton University, today won the University Individual Badminton title here when he beat his brother and holder, Y. S. Lau, of London University.

F. S. Lau won the final 17-14, 5-15, 18-16.—Reuter.

Different Ways Of Playing Opening Stroke At Billiards

(By "Pyramid")

There are many different ways of playing the opening stroke at billiards. There may be classed into two sections—attack and defence.

In matches such as Amateur Championships, one often sees this safety play in the opening stroke.

For instance, Kingsley Kennerley (Birmingham) often plays the cue-ball into the open, bringing the cue-ball back into baulk with check side, a very popular stroke in match play.

Then we get the player who will take a risk to get an even safer stroke, i.e. a double baulk, by playing from one extremity of the 'D' to strike the red half ball with enough speed to bring both balls back into baulk. These two are the most frequently seen opening safety strokes in a match.

Then again, we come across the player who will go a step further and endeavour to score from this. As an excellent example of this type of player, take Risto Levi, the wonder man of his day.

His favourite opening stroke was the 'Scrow' lower in one of the top pockets. If he succeeded at this and the red ball remained out of baulk, his usual remark was "My luck is in."

It must be admitted that even though a certain amount of skill is attached to this stroke, it is not a very safe stroke.

There are many other ways of scoring in the opening stroke, such as a lower in a top pocket, via a side cushion, or in a bottom pocket off two cushions after contact with the red.

With all of these strokes a certain amount of risk is attached, but if you are endeavouring to make a scoring stroke, you must be prepared to take the risk.

Finally, and above all, never make a blind stroke at the red, as nine times out of ten, you will set your opponent up.

Swedes Beat Eastern Bengal

Playing their first game in Calcutta yesterday, the Halmstad Swedish Soccer XI beat Eastern Bengal by two clear goals.

Inter-Schools Athletic Meet

Nine final events were ran off at the Fifth Annual Hong Kong and Kowloon Schools Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Wong Ching-lam won the 3,000 metres Open Race in 10 minutes 12.5 seconds with Lance/Bombardier Roust running a close second.

The meet which commenced on Saturday, is being held under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association and will continue next week-end, when the finals in all events will be held.

Yesterday's results—
 Boys' Pole Vault Final "A" Division: 1, Chan Wai-lam (Pul Ching) 2.9 metres (record); 2, Yu Ching (Wah Yan AM); 3, Wong Tung-yu (Far East); 4, Kwong Liu-chuen (Pul Ching).
 Boys' Discus Throwing Final "A" Division: 1, Yung Hung-kong (La Salle) 27.72 metres (record); 2, Lee Sau-tun (Far East); 3, Wai Kwan-cho (St. Louis); 4, Leung Yoo-sie (Chi Hang).
 Boys' Discus Throwing Final "B" Division: 1, Leung Pak-ki (Wah Yan AM) 24.68 metres; 2, Yuen Cheung (Hing Yan); 3, Chow Kwong-yi (Chi Hang); 4, Chang King-man (Chi Hang).
 Boys' Shot Put Final "A" Division: 1, Wong Chun-ful (Pul Ching) 12.5 metres; 2, Au Ping-fai (St. Joseph's); 3, Yeung Pli-ang (Tak Ching); 4, Auyeung Tung (St. Joseph's).
 Boys' Shot Put Final "B" Division: 1, Castro (St. Joseph's) 4.4 metres; 2, Leung Chak-lam (Pul Ching); 3, Wong Chan-chi (Pul Ching); 4, Tam Kin-man (Pul Ching).
 Girls' Shot Put Final "A" Division: 1, Lau Yuk-ping (Chi Hang) 7.77 metres; 2, Ng King-chun (Pul Ching); 3, Wong Shi-hi (Chi Hang); 4, Ho Yu-yung (Tung Lan).
 Girls' Baseball Throwing Final: 1, Ng King-chun (Pul Ching) 34.66 metres; 2, Chan Shu-kun (Pul Ching); 3, Leung Kin-man (Chung Kwok Yi Hung); 4, Gwendoline Dragon (St. Mary's).
 Girls' Shot Put Final "B" Division: 1, Wong Foon-hung (Tak Ming) 3.69 metres; 2, Yui Blive (St. Mary's); 3, Leung Kwan-cho (Pul Ching); 4, Ng Sau-kin (Sui Ching).
 Boys' Long Jump Final "A" Division: 1, Tso Chan-woo (Nam Kiu) 5.57 metres; 2, Kam Kit-tai (Tung Chai); 3, Yik Po-yih (Chi Hang); 4, Chang Chik-sun (Pul Ching).
 3,000 Metres Open Race: 1, Wong Ching-lam, 10 minutes 12.5 seconds; 2, Lance/Bombardier Roust; 3, Anthony Barker; 4, Lance/Bombardier Forsythe.

Commandos Beat Nomads

The Commando Hockey team defeated the Nomads, who fielded nine men, by five goals to one at Sookunpo yesterday.

The Nomads put up a game fight, especially the two backs, H. Soares and L. Xavier and F. Barretto in goal.

The Nomads even managed to lead by 1-0 at the interval, but this advantage fell to pieces in the second stanza and conceded five goals without replying.

Other results—

Dutch HC 3 Navy 3

KITC 3 HKFC 2

Recreo 3 RAFC 1

Police 2 Army 1

Police 2 YMCA 1

University 3 Recreo 1

* These games were not played.

OTHER SPORTS

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